REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 5 and 15 have been amended. Claims 7, 10-14, 18-21 and 24-25 have been

cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8-9, 15-17 and 22-23 now are

presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 13-17 and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as

being anticipated by Gao, U.S. Patent No. 6,581,094 ("Gao").

Applicant respectfully submits that Gao discloses "[a] method executed by *one or*

more digital devices operating in a networked environment [which] includes . . . storing

a network address for each digital device in a set of digital devices within a networked

environment . . . [and a] Uniform Device Descriptor file is associated with each digital

device of the set of digital devices." (Abstract). Gao further discloses that "[t]he server

preferably includes a search module . . . [to facilitate] searches for specified digital

devices within the networked environment . . . [and] the routing module operates to

deliver a specified UDD file to a selected digital device within the networked

environment so that the UDD file may be visually displayed on the selected digital

device." (col. 3, lines 42-51; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, in pertinent part, recites "sending the discovery

information query to a search engine to facilitate searching of discovery information

relevant to the one or more network devices, wherein the search engine includes a query

formulation device to input one or more of the following parameters: type of network

devices, status of network devices, and capabilities of network devices." (emphasis

provided). Gao does not teach or reasonably suggest such a feature. Gao discloses "a search module . . . [to facilitate] searches for specified digital devices within the networked environment" (col. 3, lines 43-44), however nowhere in Gao does ". . . the search engine includes a query formulation device to input one or more of the following parameters: type of network devices, status of network devices, and capabilities of network devices" as recited by claim 1. (emphasis provided). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 5 and 15 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of claims 5 and 15 and their dependent claims be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Gao in view of Vaishnavi, et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,734,642 ("Vaishnavi").

Claim 17 depends from independent claim 15 and thus includes all the limitations of claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request the rejection of claim 17 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
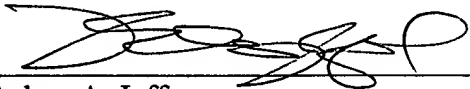
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